



MINUTES

TIME-21 Transportation Funding Study Committee

December 19, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Thomas Rielly, Co-chairperson
Senator John Putney
Senator Pat Ward
Senator Steve Warnstadt

Representative Geri Huser, Co-chairperson
Representative Jim Lykam
Representative Rod Roberts
Representative David Tjepkes

MEETING IN BRIEF

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order. Co-chairperson Rielly called the third and final meeting of the TIME-21 Transportation Funding Study Committee to order at 10:11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, in the Supreme Court Chamber, Room 103 of the State Capitol Building. The minutes of the November 19, 2007, meeting were approved as distributed.

Luncheon Recess. The Committee took a luncheon recess from 12:05 p.m. until 1:05 p.m.

Adjournment. Upon conclusion of the discussion by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

II. Caucus Reports on Submitted Proposal

A member from each political party caucus from the Senate and the House of Representatives reported on the reception by the appropriate caucus of the Committee's proposal of the last meeting which was based upon the Associated General Contractors of Iowa's proposal. The general result was disfavor for an increase in the fuel tax, particularly following the Governor's announcement of disfavor for such an increase, and a lack of consensus in each caucus for the remaining provisions contained in the proposal. All four caucuses expressed openness for discussion of other funding mechanisms beyond the fuel tax.

III. Motions for Committee Recommendations

Senator Warnstadt made a motion that the provisions contained in the Committee proposal be taken to the caucuses, except for the increase in fuel tax, and without any specific dollar or percentage increases, as the Committee's recommendation. If adopted, this would mean that the Committee would recommend increased funding from an extension of the registration fees for commercial/agricultural trucks, special trucks, and personal pickup trucks; increases in driver's license fees; increases in trailer registration fees; and an increase in title fees.

Co-chairperson Huser proposed two amendments to Senator Warnstadt's original motion. The first amendment to the original motion recommends that the General Assembly change the use tax on motor vehicles to a charge at the time of registration in order to make the revenues constitutionally protected. The second amendment to the original motion sought to include language in the Committee's recommendation authorizing the Governor to spend General Fund of the State moneys to meet road and bridge safety needs in the event of an emergency.

Senator John Putney moved to amend Senator Warnstadt's original motion by striking it and replacing it with language recommending that the Committee members continue to consider all sources of funding except the fuel tax. Senator Putney's amendment was adopted by the Committee.

The Committee agreed to consider Co-chairperson Huser's amendments separately. Co-chairperson Huser's amendment to make the use tax a part of the registration fee was adopted. Co-chairperson Huser's amendment to authorize the Governor to spend General Fund of the State



moneys for road and bridge safety in emergency situations was withdrawn and a substitute amendment was offered which would require the Department of Transportation to research the authority of the Governor and Executive Council to utilize or spend General Fund of the State moneys for road and bridge purposes in emergency situations. This amendment was adopted by the Committee.

Senator Warnstadt's original motion, as amended, was approved by the Committee by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Committee Recommendations

The Committee concluded its work after making the following recommendations:

- The members of the Committee would continue to consider all revenue sources, except the fuel tax, for the funding of the TIME-21 Fund.
- The General Assembly should change the use tax on motor vehicles to a charge at the time of registration of the motor vehicle so as to make the revenues constitutionally protected.
- The Department of Transportation would research the authority of the Governor and Executive Council to utilize or spend General Fund of the State moneys for road and bridge purposes in emergency situations.

V. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

The following materials listed were distributed at or in connection with the meeting and are filed with the Legislative Services Agency. The materials may be accessed from the <Additional Information> link on the Committee's Internet web page:

<http://www.legis.state.id.us.aspx/Committees/Committee.aspx?id=210>.

1. Description of the scenarios for Three Funding Proposals with the Three Funding Proposals, submitted by Mr. Stuart Anderson, Department of Transportation.
2. Summary of Vehicle Counts by Year, submitted by Mr. Anderson, Department of Transportation.
3. Letter to Co-chairpersons Rielly and Huser from Governor Culver.
4. Letter to Co-chairperson Huser from Deputy Attorney General Julie Pottorff.